FROM THE COVER



Photos by Billy Calzada / Staff photogra About 200 people celebrated All Souls Day Mass, led by San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, on Tuesday at San Fernando Cemetery II.

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after they learned that their daughter might die. The young family was hoping God would give them mer-

sprice up graves and pay respects.

By mid-morning, about 200 people were there cel-ebrating All Souls Day Mass, led by San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo Gar-cía-Siller.

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The crowd dispersed ross the cemetery afterrd, families gathering at rious gravesites.

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"Today really means a lot to me. ... I'm going to talk to ber and catch up."

said it is for Lorenzo Vaz-quez, 86, who just had knee surgery but still visits had been surgery but still visits had afternoon.

Juanita Vazquez left a hole in the family that looms especially large this time of year as her loved Muertos traditions that Vazquez always oversaw.

For one, the family con-tinues to set up an altar in Juanita and Lorenzo Vaz-quez's home for the hole quez's home for the hole put flowers on graves that tacked decorations, so leading up to Día de los Muertos, Torres and her three small children put silk flowers at dozens of quez's.

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graves that surround Vaz-quez's.

Torres said her 8-year-old daughter, Samantha Pe-rez, had a birthday close to Juanita Vazquez's, so the two used to celebrate all week long.

"She says she wants grandma to look down and see all the flowers," Torres

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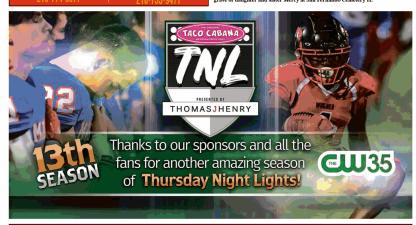
Día de los Muertos is be-coming more of a tradition for Heber Guajardo Jr. and his family.

Tuesday, he and six rela-

more at ease, a little more content that he's with God."



rnandez, right, and her children, Autumn, left, and Daphnee, visit aughter and sister Mercy at San Fernando Cemetery II.



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